SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I want somebody to come and take responsibility on behalf of this Government. ...*(Interruptions)*... Is the Finance Minister responsible? Is the Law Minister responsible...*(Interruptions)*...

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

II. Consolidated Review of Working of Regional Rural Banks and related papers

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I (i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification S.O. 265 (E) dated the 28th February, 2005, publishing the Income-tax (7th Amendment) Rules, 2005, under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1992/05]

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) G.S.R. 147 (E) dated the 2nd March, 2005, publishing Notification No. 26/2005-Customs, dated the 2nd March, 2005, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002 so as to provide that duty free import of lining and inter-lining materials shall be permitted upto 2% of the total FOB value of garments exported during the preceding financial year. In addition condition no 21A of the Notification has been amended so as to permit duty free import of specified embellishment items by exporters of leather footwear or synthetic footwear and all other leather products. Also, condition no. 96 (a) of the Notification has been omitted so as to permit duty free import of effluent treatment plants required by the entire leather sector. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1993/05]

(2) G.S.R. 148 (E) dated the 2nd March, 2005, publishing Notification No. 27/2005-Customs, dated the 2nd March, 2005 amending G.S.R. 197 (E) dated the 7th April, 1997, G.S.R. 298 (E) dated the 22nd April, 2002, G.S.R. 619 (E) dated the 17th September, 2004 and G.S.R 620(E) dated the 17th September, 2004. The amendments carried out in Notifications G.S.R. 197

(E), G.S.R. 298 (E) and G.S.R. 619 (E), all issued under Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) Scheme, are clarificatory in nature. In Notification G.S.R. 620 (E), the condition no. (3) in paragraph 2 has been substituted so as to clearly provide as to how the export obligation is to be calculated in cases where the license holder pays the element of additional duty customs (CVD) in cash. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1993/05]

(3) G.S.R. 160 (E) dated the 7th March, 2005, publishing Notification No. 28/2005-Customs, dated the 7th March, 2005, seeking to rescind G.S.R. 205 (E) dated the 7th March, 2003, so as to withdraw the levy of final anti-dumping duty on Vitamin A Palmitate, originating in or exported from the European Union, Singapore and Georgia. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1994/05]

(4) G.S.R. 194 (E) dated the 30th March, 2005, publishing Notification No. 31/2005-Customs, dated the 30th March, 2005, amending G.S.R. 619 (E) dated the 17th September, 2004 so as to extend the validity period of the Notification until the 30th September, 2005. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1993/05]

(iii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. 169 (E) dated the 11th March, 2005, publishing Notification No. 29/2005- Customs, dated the 11th March, 2005, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to omit the entries prescribing 16% additional duty of customs under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 on specified goods imported by licenced telecom service providers, under sub-section (7) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T.1993/05]

(iv) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification G.S.R. 104 (E) dated the 25th February, 2005, publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendments) Rules, 2005, under section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1995/05]

(v) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) G.S.R. 71 (E) dated the 14th February, 2005, publishing the Service Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2005.

(2) G.S.R. 107 (E) dated the 26th February, 2005, publishing the Service Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2005. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1996/05]

II A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Consolidated Review of working of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), for the year ended 31st March, 2004.

(b) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. *...(Interruptions)...* [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2322/05]

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Who is running this Government? *...(Interruptions)...* यह सरकार कैसे चल रही है? इस सरकार को कौन चला रहा है ...(व्यवधान)...

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (West Bengal): Sir, I present the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce:

1. Seventieth Report on Demands for Grants (2005-06) of the Department of Commerce (Ministry of Commerce and Industry); and

2. Seventy-first Report on Demands for Grants (2005-06) of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Ministry of Commerce and Industry). *...(Interruptions)..*